



H.R. 3095 – To amend the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to modify a deadline relating to a certain election by Indian tribes

Floor Situation

H.R. 3095 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Dale Kildee (D-MI) on July 19, 2007. It was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, but never considered.

H.R. 3095 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

Note: Similar legislation, S. 1819, was introduced in the Senate on July 19, 2007 by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND). It was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, but has not been considered.

Summary

H.R. 3095 extends the deadline, until July 27, 2007, for American Indian tribes to decide whether to administer the sex offender registration system on its own or to delegate the responsibilities to another law enforcement agency near the tribal territory.

Background

On July 27, 2006, the President signed into law the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-248). In addition to enhancing the laws and penalties related to sexual offenses, the law strengthened the national sex offender registration system by imposing greater standards and by including penalties for states that failed to comply. Under the new law, States would lose 10 percent of its Byrne law enforcement assistance funds for failure to provide more comprehensive information regarding sex offenders easily accessible to the public and to law enforcement.

The law grants American Indian tribes one year to decide whether to carry out the registration requirements on its own or delegate the authority to another law enforcement agency nearby. If the tribe delegates the authority, it must provide access to its territory and fully cooperate with the other agency so that the standards are met.

Cost

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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